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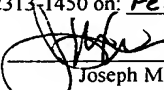
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Applicant : Steven B. Dawes, et al.  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY**

Sir:

In further response to the Office Action of July 6, 2005 and to the Office Action of January 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified as follows:

A listing of claims amended by the Reply mailed on November 7, 2005 begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 23 of this paper.